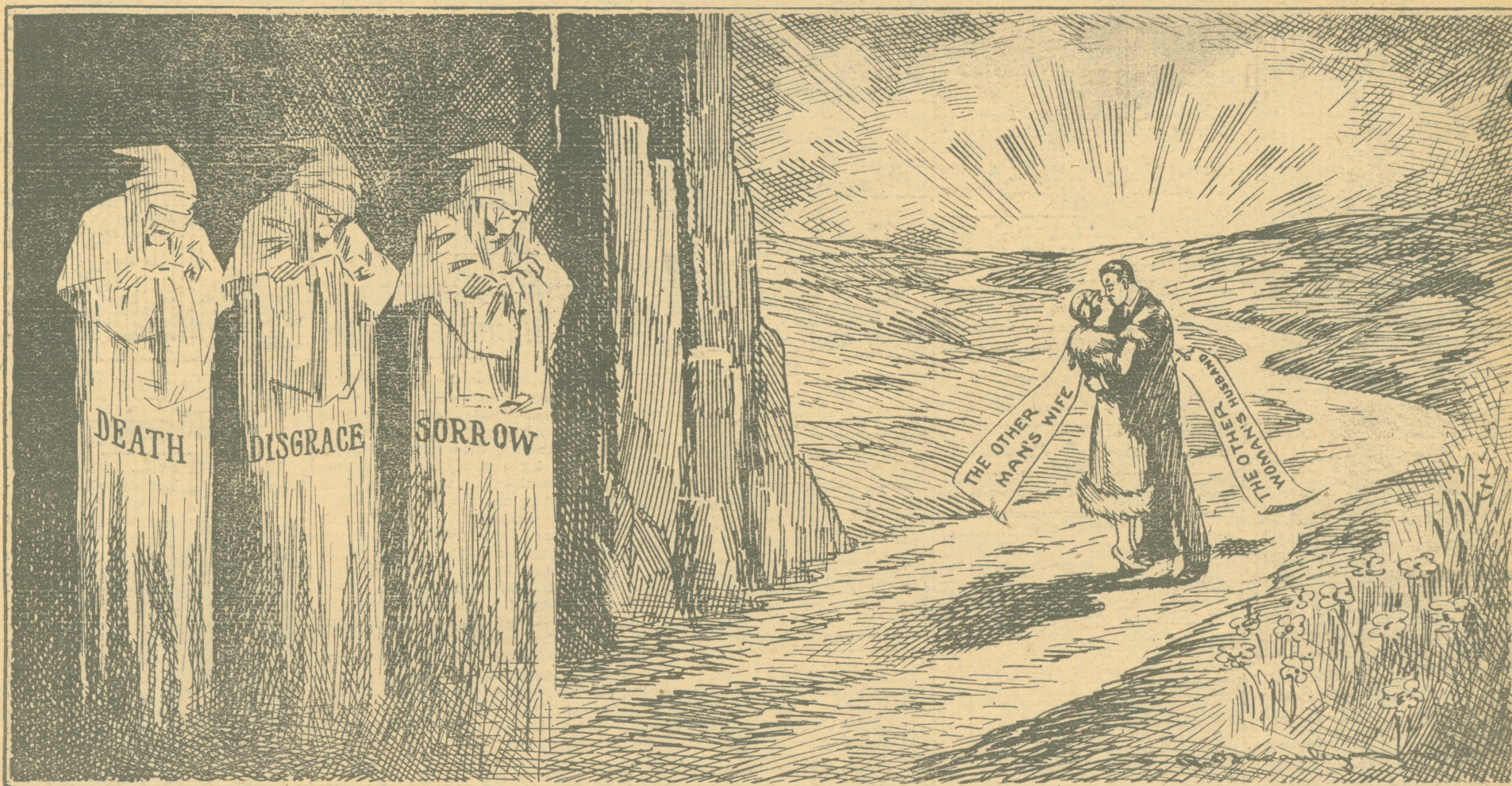


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Illicit Love's False Glow Blinds the Eye to Tragedy



You Cannot Sin Without Losing Respect for Yourself

THE HALL-MILLS MURDER TRIAL is one of the strongest sermons for morality that has ever been presented.

The romance of the Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. James Mills was a primrose path at its beginning. Love seemed to linger along its side and to beckon to new pleasures around the next turning.

Around the next turning there was another figure waiting.

It was not that of Love, but of Death.

Romance was blasted in the black fire of passion.

The hand of vengeful man tore down the flimsy playhouse of illicit love and left its two builders dead on the ground.

The wages of sin was death to Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills.

Not death in any fanciful form, but cold, blood-drained, physical death, horrible and ghastly.

Now the state of New Jersey has set legal machinery in motion to bring again the vengeance of death for sin—the sin of taking the lives of human beings.

The entire nation is swept by a wave of repulsion at the spectacle of sin piled on sin that this celebrated case presents.

IN the attitude of the people of the United States toward the Hall-Mills murder and its aftermath is strong proof of the up-standing decency of our citizenry.

The Hall-Mills case shocks the average

man's sensibilities, BECAUSE IT IS BRUTALLY ABNORMAL.

Every step from the beginning of their clandestine affair to its fatal termination is against the vital principles of straightness and decency that make up the American character.

This nation was established by men and women who were strong in moral fiber and who were impelled to high ideals by the fervor of their religious beliefs.

Their firmness of character was built upon sturdiness of their physical bodies.

From the beginnings of America until the present day, morality and health have gone hand in hand.

That is why in this so-called "age of jazz" such an affair as Dr. Hall's and Mrs. Mills's and their subsequent murder rouses such a wave of popular disapproval. Our present generation is as healthy and as straight as any that preceded it.

The heart of America beats in a clean breast.

TO every general rule there are exceptions.

There are some Americans who believe that they can "get away" with immorality and with outrages against society.

They believe that the only sin in such conduct consists in getting caught.

That IS PROBABLY what the murdered lovers of New Jersey thought.

But the gun of the assassin was not necessary to kill Dr. Hall and Mrs. Mills.

Remorse and regret HAD ALREADY KILLED them.

They knew that happiness was for them forever dead. . . . That no passionate companionship

could ever again bring them back to true enjoyment of life.

Such offenses as they committed ALWAYS BRING REMORSE.

They undermine health, energy, progress. They cause the loss of friends and fortune. For THEY ARE ALWAYS FOUND OUT.

THE Hall-Mills tragedy emphasizes the truth of a great number of glowing passages in the Bible.

It proves beyond doubt that "The wages of sin is death."—(Romans 6:23).

That "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."—(Galatians 6:7).

That there is wisdom in "If sinners entice thee, consent thou not."—(Proverbs 1:10).

It is a flaming lesson to all who are tempted to follow the same tragic path that led the Rev. Edward Hall and Mrs. James Mills to their death.

IT is impossible to "get away" with sin.

Your own conscience won't let you.

There is always the sneaking fear that some one has seen you, or heard you, or suspected you.

You dare not hold your head up among your friends.

You shrink in your own eyes and in the eyes of the men and women you meet.

To be overcome by sin shows weakness.

Glorious strength can be attained by defeating sin.

This is A TRUTH OF HUMAN LIFE that YOU CANNOT IGNORE IF YOU WANT TO BE HONORED AND RESPECTED.

You who may be tempted GET THAT LESSON OUT OF THE HALL-MILLS CASE AND YOU'LL NEVER DIE THE SAME DISGRACEFUL DEATH.